

# THE DAILY WHIP

Monday, March 31, 2003 | Floor News from Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer

HOUSE MEETS AT...		LAST VOTE PREDICTED...
12:30 p.m.: Morning Hour 2:00 p.m.: Legislative Business		7:00 p.m.
Unlimited "One-Minutes"		

\*\*\* THIS WEEK WE EXPECT IMPORTANT VOTES ON A MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON THE FY04 BUDGET (EITHER TODAY OR TOMORROW) AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL (THURSDAY OR FRIDAY). ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP'S FLOOR STAFF IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT.

## FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 2:00 p.m. for legislative business. **Votes are postponed until 6:30 p.m.**

### Suspensions (5 bills):

Suspension bills are debatable for 40 minutes each, may not be amended, and require two-thirds majority for passage.

**1) H.R. 1463** - Small Pox Vaccination Compensation Fund Act (Burr - Energy & Commerce). This bill would establish a program to compensate medical costs, lost wages, and death or total and complete disability caused to health care workers and other "first responders" by receiving the smallpox vaccination. In its current form, however, this legislation fails to provide adequate replacement for lost wages (including a lifetime cap that could limit assistance to just over five years); it provides no ongoing support for dependents left behind by individuals who die; and it makes funding subject to the uncertainties of the appropriations process providing no assurance that resources for compensation will be available. Due to these critical flaws, the American Nurses Association, the International Association of Fire Fighters, AFSCME, and SEIU are opposed to H.R. 1463.

**Since H.R. 1463 will be considered under suspension of the rules, no amendments are allowed to improve this bill. Therefore, Democrats are strongly urged to VOTE NO on H.R. 1463.**

- 2) H.Con.Res. 58** - Honoring the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and its many partners for the Festival of Flight, a celebration of the centennial of Wilbur and Orville Wright's first flight; the first controlled, powered flight in history (Etheridge - Gov't Reform)
- 3) H.R. 1208** - Northern Ireland Peace and Reconciliation Support Act of 2003 (C. Smith, Hyde, King, Crowley, Payne, Walsh, Neal - HIRC)
- 4) H.Res. 149** - Expressing condolences on the assassination of the Serbian Prime Minister (Bereuter, Emmanuel, Hyde, Lantos - HIRC)
- 5) H.R. 1166** - To expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians (Udall, NM - Small Business)

**Motions to go to Conference, should they become available. This includes a possible Motion to Instruct Conferees on the FY04 Budget.**

## DAILY QUOTE...

"This bill [the Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act, H.R. 1463] does not provide adequate education, prescreening, surveillance, and compensation. . . . ANA urges you to vote against H.R. 1463. Your vote does not mean that you oppose a smallpox compensation program. In fact, the solid disapproval of this bill will demonstrate needed support for a real smallpox compensation program, such as the Capps/Waxman substitute."

-Letter from American Nurses Association (ANA) to House Members, 3/28/03

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